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Note by the Secretary-General*

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and with the consent of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to notify the General Assembly of matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security that are being dealt with by the Security Council and of matters with which the Council has ceased to deal.

2. The matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security that have been discussed during the period since the notification to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session (A/58/354) are the following:

1. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

2. Letters dated 20 and 23 December 1991 from France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

* The reporting period of the present notification is from 2 September 2003 to 31 August 2004.

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3. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.[1]

4. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

5. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999).

6. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

7. Meeting of the Security Council with the potential troop and civilian police-contributing countries to the proposed United Nations peacekeeping operation in Liberia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

8. The situation in Liberia.

9. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

10. The situation in Sierra Leone.

11. The situation in Burundi.

12. Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations role.

13. The situation in Guinea-Bissau.

14. Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/939);

    Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/943).

15. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.[2]

16. Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/934).

17. The situation in Afghanistan.

18. The situation in Timor-Leste.[3]

19. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

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[1] In accordance with a note by the President of the Security Council dated 27 August 2002 (S/2002/964), the wording of items concerning "Meeting of the Security Council with troop-contributing countries ... pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A" was revised to read "Meeting of the Security Council with troop-contributing countries ... pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B".

[2] Prior to the 3647th meeting, held on 4 April 1996, this item had been formulated as "The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina".

[3] As from the 4646th meeting, held on 14 November 2002, the wording of the item "The situation in East Timor" was revised to read "The situation in Timor-Leste".

20. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

21. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

22. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

23. The situation concerning Western Sahara.

24. Women and peace and security.

25. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

26. Security Council mission.

27. The situation in Somalia.

28. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

29. The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations.

30. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations.

31. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

32. The situation in the Great Lakes region.

33. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

34. The situation in Cyprus.

35. Central African region.

36. Protection of civilians in armed conflict.

37. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

38. Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287).

39. Briefings by Chairmen of Security Council committees and working groups.

40. The situation in the Middle East.

41. Small arms.

42. Children and armed conflict.

43. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

44. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

45. Post-conflict national reconciliation: role of the United Nations.

46. The situation in Georgia.

47 The question concerning Haiti.

48. Cross-border issues in West Africa.

49. The role of business in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and post-conflict peace-building.

50. Decision of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to abandon its weapons of mass destruction programmes.

51. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

52. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

53. Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.[4]

54. United Nations peacekeeping operations.

55. Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.[5]

56. Letter dated 25 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/425).

57. Complex crises and United Nations response.

58. Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan.

59. Role of civil society in post-conflict peace-building.

60. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in stabilization processes.

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[4] As from the 4964th meeting, held on 7 May 2004, the wording of the item "Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Mircea Geoana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe" was revised to read "Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe".

[5] As from the 4973rd meeting, held on 20 May 2004, the wording of the item "Briefing by Mr. Ruud Lubbers United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" was revised to read "Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

61. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

3. In accordance with the procedure set out in the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 August 1996 (S/1996/704), the Secretary-General, in his summary statement of 14 February 2004 on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration submitted pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council (S/2004/20), informed Member States that, as at 1 January 2004, the Security Council had not considered in formal meetings during the preceding five-year period (1999-2003) the following items (the item numbers correspond to those contained in paragraph 8 of document S/2004/20):

1. The Palestine question.

2. The India-Pakistan question (S/628).

3. The Hyderabad question (S/986).

4. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General (S/3963).

5. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4378).

6. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4605).

8. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent (S/10411).

9. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10409).

10. Complaint by Cuba (S/10993).

11. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East.

16. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question.

17. Request by the Libyan Arab Republic and Pakistan for consideration of the serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories (S/12017).

18. The situation in the occupied Arab territories.

19. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.

20. The situation between Iran and Iraq.

22. Letter dated 19 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15615).

23. Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15914).

24. Letter dated 22 March 1984 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16431).

25. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17509).

26. Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17787).

27. Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17991);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17992);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17993);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17994).

28. Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19798).

29. Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20364);

    Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20367).

31. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21120).

43. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol.

56. Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations.

67. Letter dated 29 June 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/581);

Letter dated 25 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1998/582);

Letter dated 25 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1998/583).

69. Threats to peace and security caused by international terrorist acts.

4. Subsequently, in accordance with the procedure contained in document S/1996/704, the Secretary-General received notifications from Member States requesting him to retain items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 43 as they appear in paragraph 3 above, on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized.

5. Also, pursuant to the decisions of the Security Council referred to above and in the absence of receipt of any notification to the contrary by 31 March 2004 requesting the retention of an item listed in paragraph 3 above, the remaining items mentioned therein, that is, items 22, 23, 24, 56, 67 and 69, were deleted from the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized.

6. During the period since the notification to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session (A/58/354), the Security Council has not discussed at a formal meeting the following matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security of which it remains seized:

1. The Palestine question.
2. The India-Pakistan question (S/628).
3. The Hyderabad question (S/986).
4. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General (S/3963).
5. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4378).
6. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4605).
7. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent (S/10411).
8. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10409).
9. Complaint by Cuba (S/10993).
10. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East.
11. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question.
12. Request by the Libyan Arab Republic and Pakistan for consideration of the serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories (S/12017).
13. The situation in the occupied Arab territories.

14. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.

15. The situation between Iran and Iraq.

16. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17509).

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    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17993);

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    Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20367).

21. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21120).

22. The situation in Angola.

23. The situation concerning Rwanda.

24. The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

25. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol.

26. The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border.

27. The situation in Croatia.

28. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

29. The situation in the Central African Republic.

30. The situation in Africa.

31. Letter dated 11 March 1998 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/223);

    Letter dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/272).

32. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security.

33. Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building.

34. Promoting peace and security: humanitarian activities relevant to the Security Council.

35. Letter dated 24 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/320).

36. Letter dated 7 May 1999 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/523).

37. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998).

38. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998) and 1239 (1999).

39. Promoting peace and security: humanitarian assistance to refugees in Africa.

40. Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

41. Protection of United Nations personnel, associated personnel and humanitarian personnel in conflict zones.

42. Briefing by Mr. Carl Bildt, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Balkans.

43. Maintaining peace and security: humanitarian aspects of issues before the Security Council.

44. General issues relating to sanctions.

45. Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, particularly in Africa.

46. Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.

47. Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

48. Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security.

49. No exit without strategy.

50. Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088).

51. Briefing by the Secretary-General.

52. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone.

53. Strengthening cooperation with troop-contributing countries.

54. Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Mircea Geoana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

55. Peace-building: towards a comprehensive approach.

56. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its border with Liberia and Sierra Leone;

    The situation in Liberia;

    The situation in Sierra Leone.

57. Letter dated 4 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/191).

58. The situation along the borders of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

59. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone;

    The situation in Sierra Leone.

60. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the month of June 2001.

61. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month.

62. Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998.

63. Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

64. Security Council resolution 1054 (1996) of 24 April 1996.

65. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A.

66. Nobel Peace Prize.

67. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A.

68. Letter dated 30 April 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/434).

69. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A.

70. Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations.

71. Briefing by Mr. Ruud Lubbers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

72. Food aid in the context of conflict settlement: Afghanistan and other crisis areas.

73. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A.

74. United Nations peacekeeping.

75. High-level meeting of the Security Council on the anniversary of 11 September 2001: acts of international terrorism.

76. Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security.

77. Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security.

78. Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1317).

79. Briefings by the Chairmen of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, and the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations.

80. High-level meeting of the Security Council: combating terrorism.

81. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

82. Proliferation of small arms and light weapons and mercenary activities: threats to peace and security in West Africa.

83. The Security Council and regional organizations: facing the new challenges to international peace and security.

84. The role of the Security Council in the pacific settlement of disputes.

85. Response to the humanitarian situation in Iraq.